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1. SUMMARY: BULK OF MEETING DEVOTED TO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS STEMMING FROM GENEVA NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE AND OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO UPCOMING INTERIM WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAROTTE REPORTED ON PROSPECTS FOR NEW IWC OFFICE AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES AS WELL AS EXPANDED STAFF STATING EMPHATICALLY THAT A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROVISIONS WOULD NECESSITATE SUCH EXPANSION. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED PAROTTE'S SUGGESTION THAT COMPOSITION OF BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 1978/79 REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM 1977/78 I.E., CANADA, EEC, US, JAPAN AND EGYPT.

2. DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROTOCOLS FOR THE FOURTH EXTENSION WERE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTTEL, THE 1978 WTP DOES REPEAT DOES INCORPORATE AMENDMENTS TO RUSSIAN TEXT 1976
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WTP AS APPROVED BY IWC COUNCIL JULY 1, 1976. AS TO THE FAP 1976 AND 1978 BOTH OF WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CORRECTION PAROTTE ADVISES THAT HE WILL CIRCULATE AMENDED COPIES TO FAC MEMBERS NOTIFYING THEM THAT UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED BY MAY 10, HE WILL CERTIFY AMENDED VERSIONS FOR IMMEDIATE FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON.

3. UNCTAD HAS AGREED TO BEAR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH MAY 1-5 GENEVA INTERIM WORKING GROUP MEETING AND TO PAY FOR INTERPRETATION EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH SECOND INTERIM GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LONDON MAY 22-JUNE 2. TOTAL COST TO IWC BUDGET FOR NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE AND TWO INTERIM MEETINGS PUT AT 30,500 POUNDS LEAVING BALANCE OF 3,500 POUNDS AGAINST ORIGINAL BUDGET ALLOCATION.

4. AS REPORTED REF B, PAROTTE HAS BEEN COORDINATING WITH EXECUTIVE HEADS OF OTHER LONDON BASED COMMODITY GROUPS (5 COMMODITY COUNCILS AND 2 STUDY GROUPS) A UNIFIED APPROACH TO THE UK GOVT CONCERNING INADEQUACY OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING SUITABLE SPACE UNDER ONE ROOF. PAROTTE REPORTED THAT THE EXECUTIVE HEADS AGREED TO SUBMIT MEMORANDUM TO HMG ADVISING OF NEED FOR A SINGLE ALL INCLUSIVE FACILITY. THIS WAS DONE ON MARCH 2, 1978. INCREASED SIZE OF MEMBERSHIP, EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES (E.G. ISA) AND MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS WERE CITED AS JUSTIFICATION. WHILE ENCOURAGING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, NO DECISIONS HAVE RESULTED. A FURTHER MEETING AT THE UK FOREIGN OFFICE IS SCHEDULED MAY 2.

5. PAROTTE EMPHASIZED THAT THE IWC SITUATION RE SPACE AND STAFF WAS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS AND THAT IT WOULD BE "IMPOSSIBLE" TO OPERATE UNDER A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SUB-UNCLASSIFIED

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STANTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS WITHOUT (1) EXPANDED OFFICE SPACE WHICH WOULD THEN ALLOW FOR (2) ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS. PAROTTE ENVISAGES A POSSIBLE STAFF INCREASE FROM 23 TO PERHAPS AS HIGH AS 40.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH JUNE 1974 COUNCIL DECISION TO ALIGN IWC SECRETARIAT STAFF SALARIES WITH OTHER IO'S IN LONDON, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED A 9 PERCENT INCREASE IN NET SALARIES OVER THOSE IN EFFECT JAN 1, 1977 TO BE EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO JAN 1 1978. ADDITIONAL COST TO 77/78 BUDGET IS 3,100 POUNDS, PROVISION FOR WHICH ALREADY INCLUDED IN BUDGET.

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FRIDAY AFTERNOON MAY 19.

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